

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ANDREW R. PERRONG
1657 THE FAIRWAY #131
JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

Plaintiff

vs.

DNC SERVICES CORP.
D/B/A DEMOCRATIC
NATIONAL COMMITTEE
430 S. CAPITOL STREET SE
WASHINGTON, DC 20003
Defendant.

Case No.

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

Preliminary Statement

1. Plaintiff Andrew R. Perrong (“Plaintiff”), brings this action under the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”), 47 U.S.C. § 227, a federal statute enacted in response to widespread public outrage about the proliferation of intrusive, nuisance calling practices. *See Mims v. Arrow Fin. Servs., LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740, 745 (2012).

2. The Defendant in this action, the DNC Services Corp., which does business as the Democratic National Committee, orchestrated placing at least one illegal, campaign-related prerecorded “robocall” to the Plaintiff’s telephone number.

3. The Plaintiff never consented to receive such messages.

Parties

4. Plaintiff Andrew R. Perrong is a Pennsylvania resident, and a resident of this District.

5. Defendant DNC Services Corp., which does business as the Democratic National Committee, is a Political Action Committee (PAC) which is colloquially known as the Democratic Party. The PAC is headquartered in the District of Columbia.

Jurisdiction & Venue

6. The Court has federal question subject matter jurisdiction over these TCPA claims. *Mims v. Arrow Fin. Services, LLC*, 132 S. Ct. 740 (2012).

7. Venue is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2) because a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred in this District, as the automated messages to the Plaintiff were placed into this District.

The Telephone Consumer Protection Act

8. In 1991, Congress enacted the TCPA to regulate the explosive growth of the automated calling industry. In so doing, Congress recognized that “[u]nrestricted telemarketing . . . can be an intrusive invasion of privacy [.]” Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, Pub. L. No. 102-243, § 2(5) (1991) (codified at 47 U.S.C. § 227).

The TCPA Prohibits all Automated Calls To Protected Numbers

9. The TCPA makes it unlawful “to make any call (other than a call made for emergency purposes or made with the prior express consent of the called party) using an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice . . . to any telephone number assigned to a . . . paging service, cellular telephone service, specialized mobile radio service, or other radio common carrier service, or any service for which the called party is charged for the call.” *See* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

10. Congress singled out these services for special protection either because Congress realized their special importance in terms of consumer privacy and therefore protected them (as

in the case of cellular phones), or because the numbers are assigned to services, like Mr. Perrong's VoIP service, for which the called party is charged, thus shifting the cost of automated or prerecorded messages onto consumers. *See Barr v. Am. Ass'n of Pol. Consultants, Inc.*, 140 S. Ct. 2335, 2363, (2020) (Gorsuch, J. & Thomas, J., concurring in part and dissenting in part).

11. According to findings by the Federal Communication Commission ("FCC"), the agency Congress vested with authority to issue regulations implementing the TCPA, such messages are prohibited because, as Congress found, automated or prerecorded messages are a greater nuisance and invasion of privacy than live ones, are costly, and are inconvenient.

12. The TCPA provides a private cause of action to persons who receive calls in violation of 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A). *See* 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).

13. This cause of action applies to users of any one of the four protected services (pager, cellular, specialized mobile radio [i.e. radiotelephony locator beacons or dispatch systems], or another radio common carrier service [i.e. ship-to-shore or air-to-ground]), or any service, including residential, VoIP, and landline services, for which the called party is charged for the call. *See Perrong v. Victory Phones LLC*, No. CV 20-5317, 2021 WL 3007258, at *6 (E.D. Pa. July 15, 2021).

14. "Non-emergency prerecorded voice or autodialed calls to [the destinations enumerated in 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)] are permissible only with the prior express consent of the called party." This includes political calls. *See* FCC Enforcement Advisory: *Tel. Consumer Prot. Act Robocall & Text Rules - Biennial Reminder for Pol. Campaigns About Robocall & Text Abuse*, 31 FCC Rcd. 1940, 1941 n.6 (2016) [hereinafter FCC Advisory].

15. Importantly, this Court has already held that non-consensual, non-emergency calls placed using an ATDS or a prerecorded voice violate 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A), regardless of the

purpose of the call. *Victory Phones*, 2021 WL 3007258, at *6 (rejecting claim that non-commercial survey calls were exempt and holding that “[T]he operative language of the TCPA is unambiguous. Section 227(b)(1)(A) prohibits placing artificial and prerecorded voice calls to a variety of telephone numbers.”). To hold otherwise would read the words “any person” and “any call” out of the statute. *See id.*

Factual Allegations

16. Defendant is a Political Action Committee (PAC), which does business as the Democratic National Committee and is colloquially known as the Democratic Party.

17. To generate support for Democrat candidates in the 2020 election, Defendant relied on prerecorded “robocalls.”

The Calls to Mr. Perrong

18. Plaintiff Perrong is a “person” as defined by 47 U.S.C. § 153(39).

19. Plaintiff’s telephone number (the “Number”), 215-725-XXXX, is on the National Do Not Call Registry and had been since 2017.

20. Despite this registration, the Defendant sent at least one prerecorded “robocall” to Plaintiff on November 2, 2020.

21. The Number was assigned to a Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) telephone service, which allows for voice calls to be placed over a broadband Internet connection.

22. That Number, which was assigned to a VoIP telephone service, was charged for each call it received.

23. The VoIP telephone service for the Number was Anveo.

24. The service charged a ring charge of \$0.005 for the provision of Caller ID Name lookup information for each call placed to the Number, even if the call is not answered.

25. The service also charged a per-minute charge of \$0.004 per minute for voice charges for each minute of talk time, including voicemail time, for each call placed to the Number.

26. The Number was therefore “assigned to a . . . service for which the called party is charged for the call” and any calls placed to that number were subject to the restrictions enumerated in 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(1)(A)(iii).

27. Despite this, Defendant placed a pre-recorded call to the Number from the caller ID 202-953-5367 on November 2, 2020. The pre-recorded call was voiced by former president Barack Hussein Obama and an unknown female voice and stated:

“Hey! This is Barack Obama on behalf of the Democratic National Committee, urging you to (inaudible). Polls are open between 7 AM and 8 PM. Go to [iwillvote.com/pa](https://www.iwillvote.com/pa) to find your polling location, or call 833-PA-VOTES. This election will determine America’s future and Pennsylvania is ‘gonna be close. Your vote matters. Let’s choose hope over fear. Thanks!” “Paid for by the Democratic National Committee. 202-953-5367. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate’s committee.”

Defendant’s Use of an ATDS

28. In addition to using a message voiced using prerecorded means, the message was sent using an Automatic Telephone Dialing System (ATDS). As the Supreme Court recently clarified, the key feature of an ATDS is the capacity to store numbers to be called using a random or sequential number generator or to produce numbers to be called using a random or sequential number generator. *Facebook, Inc. v. Duguid*, 141 S. Ct. 1163, 1167 (2021).

29. The Third Circuit recently clarified that “Congress envisioned a broad understanding of ‘equipment’” that constitutes an ATDS. It also clarified that the analysis of whether an ATDS was used in violation of the TCPA centers around “whether the defendant employ[s] [ATDS] capacities to make automated calls,” *Panzarella v. Navient Sols., Inc.*, 37 F.4th 867, 873, 878 (3d Cir. 2022). In so doing, it held that Congress intended to “ban all

autodialed calls” because Congress “found autodialer technology to be uniquely harmful.” *Id.* at 879 (cleaned up).

30. In enacting the ATDS prohibition, the Third Circuit cited favorably to Congressional understanding “that telemarketers could transform ordinary computers into autodialers through minor and inexpensive modifications,” including by “relying on computerized databases containing telephone numbers during their dialing campaigns.” *Id.* at 880 (cleaned up). The Third Circuit held that, in passing the TCPA’s ATDS prohibition, Congress intended to remedy the problems caused by callers using computer software to dial numbers randomly or sequentially from a list or database. *See id.*

31. The system Defendant used to call Plaintiff is an ATDS because it would be illogical to manually type out a telephone number only to connect them to a pre-recorded message voiced by a former president, and it is illogical that such a person would make calls manually himself.

32. As this Court has remarked, other courts have held, post-*Facebook*, that allegations similar to those as here of the absence of a relationship between the parties, the lack of personalization in the messages, and the random or automated nature of the automation device, are all indicia of use of a random or sequential dialing device that gives rise to the inference at the pleadings stage that an ATDS was used to make the calls. *See Camunas v. Nat’l Republican Senatorial Comm.*, No. 21-1005, 2021 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 100125 at *11 (E.D. Pa. May 26, 2021).

33. No facts exist here to support the conclusion that Defendant was messaging a curated list of past individuals who they have previously interacted with. Plaintiff is not a liberal left-winger, a Democrat, nor interested in anything to do with them. By contrast to a company

that calls phone numbers *en masse* to the public, a company that messages its existing customers utilizing an imported customer list does not place calls using an ATDS because such calling uses a database targeting existing customers' information rather than computer-generated tables or lists of individuals to be called. *See Panzarella*, 37 F.4th at 881–882.

34. Plaintiff is ignorant of the exact process by which the system used by Defendant stores or produces telephone numbers sequentially or possibly randomly, as outlined above. Indeed, as at least one district court explained, “The newly clarified definition of an ATDS is more relevant to a summary judgment motion than at the pleading stage.” *Gross v. GG Homes, Inc.*, No. 3:21-cv-00271-DMS-BGS, 2021 WL 2863623, at *7 (S.D. Cal. July 8, 2021); *accord Miles v. Medcredit, Inc.*, No. 4:20-cv-01186-JAR, 2021 WL 2949565 (E.D. Mo. July 14, 2021).

Defendant's Conduct Violates the TCPA

35. The Plaintiff never provided his consent or requested the call.

36. The call was not necessitated by any emergency.

37. Plaintiff was harmed by the call. He was temporarily deprived of legitimate use of his telephone and his privacy was improperly invaded. The Plaintiff was charged for the call. Moreover, it injured Plaintiff because it was frustrating, obnoxious, annoying, was a nuisance and disturbed the solitude of Plaintiff.

Legal Claims

Count One:

Violation of the TCPA's Prohibition Against Automated Calling Via Pre-Recorded Message

38. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations from all previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

39. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant and/or its affiliates, agents, and/or other persons or entities acting on Defendant's behalf constitute numerous and multiple

violations of the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, by sending calls, except for emergency purposes, to the telephone number of Plaintiff using a prerecorded voice.

40. As a result of Defendant's and/or its affiliates, agents, and/or other persons or entities acting on Defendant's behalf's violations of the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, Plaintiff is entitled to an award of \$500 in damages for each and every call made to his telephone number for which he is charged for the call using an artificial or prerecorded voice in violation of the statute, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).

41. Plaintiff is also entitled to and does seek injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant and/or its affiliates, agents, and/or other persons or entities acting on Defendant's behalf from violating the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, by making calls or sending messages, except for emergency purposes, to any number using an artificial or prerecorded voice in the future.

42. The Defendant's violations were willful and/or knowing.

**Count Two:
Violation of the TCPA's Prohibition Against Automated Messaging
With an Automatic Telephone Dialing System (ATDS)**

43. Plaintiff incorporates the allegations from all previous paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

44. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant and/or its affiliates, agents, and/or other persons or entities acting on Defendant's behalf constitute numerous and multiple violations of the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, by sending message(s), except for emergency purposes, to the telephone number(s) of Plaintiff using an ATDS.

45. As a result of Defendant's and/or its affiliates, agents, and/or other persons or entities acting on Defendant's behalf's violations of the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, Plaintiff is

entitled to an award of \$500 in damages for each and every call made to his telephone number using an ATDS in violation of the statute, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3)(B).

46. Plaintiff is also entitled to and does seek injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant and/or its affiliates, agents, and/or other persons or entities acting on Defendant's behalf from violating the TCPA, 47 U.S.C. § 227, by making calls, except for emergency purposes, to any number using an artificial or prerecorded voice in the future.

47. The Defendant's violations were willful and/or knowing.

Relief Sought

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff requests the following relief:

- A. Injunctive relief prohibiting Defendant from calling telephone numbers using an artificial or prerecorded voice and/or ATDS.
- B. Because of Defendant's violations of the TCPA, Plaintiff seeks for himself \$500 in damages for each violation or—where such regulations were willfully or knowingly violated—up to \$1,500 per violation, pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 227(b)(3).
- C. Such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Plaintiff requests a jury trial as to all claims of the complaint so triable.

Dated: **November 4, 2022**



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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

ANDREW R. PERRONG
1657 THE FAIRWAY #131, JENKINTOWN, PA 19046

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff MONTGOMERY
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

ANDREW R. PERRONG (PRO SE); 1657 THE FAIRWAY
#131, JENKINTOWN, PA 19046; 215-791-6957

DEFENDANTS

DNC SERVICES CORP.
430 S. CAPITOL STREET SE WASHINGTON, DC 20003

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant DC
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF
THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff ☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant ☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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| Citizen of Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify) ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):
TELEPHONE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 47 USC 227; 47 CFR 64.1200
Brief description of cause:
DEFENDANTS CALLED PLAINTIFF IN VIOLATION OF THE TCPA

VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P. **DEMAND \$** 3,000 **CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:**
JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No

VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

11/04/2022

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD



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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
 - (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
 - (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.
- United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here. United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.
- Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.
- Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.
- Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.
- Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.
- Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.
- Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.
- Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.
- Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service.
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.
- Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.
- Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

Date and Attorney Signature. Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

DESIGNATION FORM

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: 1657 THE FAIRWAY #131, JENKINTOWN, PA 19046
Address of Defendant: 430 S. CAPITOL STREET SE WASHINGTON, DC 20003
Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: BY TELEPHONE CALL TO MY PRIVATE TELEPHONE


RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: _____ Judge: _____ Date Terminated: _____

Civil cases are deemed related when **Yes** is answered to any of the following questions:

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| 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case ☐ is / ☒ is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: 11/04/2022  **PRO SE**
~~Attorney-at-Law~~ / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

CIVIL: (Place a ☒ in one category only)

A. Federal Question Cases:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. FELA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Antitrust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Patent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Labor-Management Relations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Civil Rights |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Habeas Corpus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. Securities Act(s) Cases |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 10. Social Security Review Cases |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 11. All other Federal Question Cases |
- (Please specify): TCPA

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 2. Airplane Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 3. Assault, Defamation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 4. Marine Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify): _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 7. Products Liability |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 8. Products Liability – Asbestos |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | 9. All other Diversity Cases |
- (Please specify): _____

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.)

I, ANDREW R. PERRONG, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:
- ☒ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 11/04/2022  **PRO SE**
~~Attorney-at-Law~~ / Pro Se Plaintiff Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.